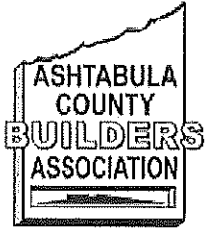


INTEGRITY



ASHTABULA COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

October 2015

President's Comment

Dear Members and Friends,

Well, I hope everyone had a great summer, as short lived as it was. It seems like every morning I wake up the temperature drops a few more degrees and we all know what's just around the corner.

I would like to welcome our new member Mr. Michael Fedler, Edward Jones Investment.

The annual builders clam bake was a great success as always with Drew Thomas, Thomas Fence and the Elks providing us with a smorgasbord of great food. I have heard nothing but great compliments from all who attended. Thank you Drew!

Due to increase costs of meat our meal prices for our general meetings will be increased to \$30.00 per person. We will do this starting at our October meeting temporarily until we are able to discuss and vote at our annual meeting in November.

The October meeting guest speakers will be Commissioner Peggy Carlo and Dwight Bowden, President of the Ashtabula County Airport Authority board. Both speakers are on the Board of Growth Partnership. They are going to be talking about the benefits of Growth Partnership and the new membership fee schedule.

See everyone at the next meeting to be held at Casa Capelli on October 8th.

Sincerely,
Calvin Brown Jr
President

Board of Directors

Calvin Brown, Jr	President
John Hogan.	Vice-President
Rich Vanek	Treasurer
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Calendar of Events

October 8th	Growth Partnership Dwight Bowden Casa Capelli
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November 12th	Annual Meeting Elks
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Happy Holidays

January 14th	General Meeting
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Social Hour	6:00pm
Dinner	7:00pm

Please RSVP by the Monday prior to the event.

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GET INVOLVED

Join the Builders Board of Directors

Please contact our President Calvin Brown, Jr. if you are interesting in volunteering your time to our Board of Directors.

Calvin's Number 1-440-478-5343

GENERAL MEETING

There will be a temporary increase in MEAL COST to **\$30.00** per person until we can discuss at Annual Meeting.

BANKER BOB'S CORNER

Death Row

A chemist, a biologist and an electrical engineer were on death row waiting to go in the electric chair. The chemist was brought forward first. "Do you have anything you want to say?" asked the executioner, strapping him in. "No," replied the chemist. The executioner flicked the switch and nothing happened. Under State law, if an execution attempt fails, the prisoner is to be released, so the chemist was released. Then the biologist was brought forward. "Do you have anything you want to say?" "No, just get on with it." The executioner flicked the switch, and again nothing happened, so the biologist was released. Then the electrical engineer was brought forward. "Do you have anything you want to say?" asked the executioner. "Yes," replied the engineer. "If you swap the red and the blue wires over, you might make this thing work."

GROWTH PARTNERSHIP

The Ashtabula County Builders Association has been a member of Growth Partnership for numerous years at the previous \$5000.00 level.

In April 2015, Growth Partnership trustees adopted a new tiered investor model, which is described in the insert of this newsletter. This new model allows the Growth Partnership to become a more inclusive organization and grow and diversify its investor base. This will allow many more businesses to have a stake in the organization and help move Ashtabula county forward.

This information has been included in this newsletter for your review. As in the past, our membership to Growth Partnership will be voted on at our Annual Meeting which is Thursday, November 12th at the Elks Lodge.

If you have any further questions please contact Michelle 645-7496 or a member of the Board of Trustees.

Growth Partnership's New Investor Levels and Associated Benefits

Five (5) Investor Levels with Three (3) Year Pledge:

Variable	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Friend of GP
Annual pledge amount	\$10,000 plus	\$5,000-\$9,999	\$2,500-\$4,999	\$2,499-\$1,000	Under \$1,000
Voting rights (Trustee status)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Eligibility to serve on Executive Committee	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Use of GP Business Retention and Expansion Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Account and Access to Ashtabula County Development Forum	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Receive GP Update (Email newsletter)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Account and Access to Ashtabula County Economic and Community Dashboard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Inclusion in GP Annual Investor Survey (Finding out what is important to you)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Listing in GP Annual Report by Investor Level	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Listing on GP Website by Investor Level	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

We invite you to attend the



2015 NE Ohio Safety Conference & Expo

Friday, Oct. 16, 2015

Conference goal

The conference's goal is to help you find out how effective workplace safety and health programs can increase the overall productivity of your business. Choose from 38 sessions to help you learn ways to improve the safety, well-being and quality of life of your workforce.

Conference location

Jefferson High School
207 W. Mulberry St. 440-576-4731
Jefferson, OH 44047 <http://www.jalsd.org>

Conference times

- Registration begins at 7 a.m.
- Conference and Expo run from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Closing Ceremony from 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cost

- Admission is \$30 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.
- Exhibitor space is \$100 and includes continental breakfast and lunch for two people.

Registration

Classes have a limited number of seats, so please register and pre-pay by Oct. 9, 2015, to guarantee your spot. We accept on-site registration with a \$5 upcharge, but we cannot guarantee there will be space available in all classes.

The registration form is located below and is followed by a complete listing of classes. Please fill it in, and send it to us using one of the methods listed below.

- **Mail it** to A-Tech, Workforce Development Office, 1565 State Route 167, Jefferson, OH 44047.
- **Fax it** to 440-576-5258.
- **E-Mail** to acsc@atech.edu

Hotel information

- **Hampton Inn – Austinburg**
\$115.00 + tax
440-275-2000
- **Holiday Inn Express – Austinburg**
\$109.00 + Tax
440-275-2020

Expo

- Don't forget to visit the Expo floor to build business relationships with product suppliers and service providers. You can research merchandise and services, compare product features, evaluate quality and value and negotiate prices. The partners of the NE Ohio Safety Conference & Expo would like to thank all of the exhibitors for their cooperation and support in making this event possible.

Educational credits

- HRCI and SHRM Certification Credits are pending
- Ashtabula County Safety Council members who attend can earn one regular safety council meeting credit. Members of other safety councils may earn one external training credit in the BWC's Safety Council Rebate Program. Stop at the BWC booth located in the expo center to get your certificate. Maximum one external training per company.
- Attending half-day OCOSH Sessions marked * earns a 1/2 loss prevention activity credit for BWC's Industry Specific Safety Program (ISSP)
- Attending all-day OCOSH Sessions marked ** earns 1 loss prevention activity credit for BWC's Industry Specific Safety Program (ISSP)
- Sessions marked ^ qualify for a two-hour group rating safety training credit

For more information

Call Andrew Kelner at 440-576-5547 or Heidi Ferrario at 330-797-5506.

Registration form (Use one registration form per attendee; make copies for additional attendees.)

Attendee's first name: _____ Last name: _____

BWC policy number: _____

Company name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment method

- Check
- Purchase order #
- Credit card
- Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Fee

- Attendee: \$30

Card number: _____

Expiration date: _____ Security code: (3-digit number found on card reverse) _____

Printed name on card: _____

Signature on card: _____

Card billing address: _____



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